Breakthrough in cure for tuberculosis

252. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian scientists have made a breakthrough in the cure of Tuberculosis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the newly developed drug will reduce the treatment duration of Tuberculosis from the present 6-8 months to two months;

(c) if so, whether the DCGI has cleared the new drug;

(d) if so, by when the clinical trials are going to be completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Indian Scientists claim to have made a breakthrough with the discovery of a new molecule called "Sudoterb" against Tuberculosis which may help reduce treatment duration from the current 6—8 months to 2 months.

(c) to (e) In this regard, proposal is currently under evaluation of Investigational New Drug (IND) Expert Committee at ICMR. After the clearance from ICMR, phase-I human clinical trial, permission will be considered.

Family welfare and rural health care scheme

†253. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of amount Government have allotted to implement the family welfare and rural health care scheme during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of expenditure made from out of the said amount State-wise/year-wise;

(c) the role, the NGOs working in States have to play in this regard and whether Government have received any concrete proposal in this regard by any one of them; and

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